

"Behold ... and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days" (Hab 1:5)

Jan-Feb: The Lord closed out one year and has brought in another New Year for us here in Kharkov, Ukraine. We finished '04 with our first Christmas Play (which brought 3 new families to visit) and then our annual New Year's Eve Prayer Service, which included preaching, food, fellowship & fireworks! Then we began '05 by joining BIMI missionaries Bob & Judy VanSant for a Winter Youth Conference which they had in Yalta Crimea Ukraine, and then Cathy had a Secret Sisters Fellowship and major activity for the Youth - bowling (a novelty here, as the first alley was just recently constructed).

PRAISES: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain..." Christ is worthy of all we have to give.

♦ **Salvations:** Glory Hallelujah - Sergei's mother Tatiana (Tanya) finally responded to the Gospel message and repented, taking Christ Jesus as her Saviour. Sergei was a Teen who was saved during our Summer Youth Conference last year. Fruit that remains! Pray that God will continue to save souls here and add to the church. They're talking about baptism this summer, as Sergei has major kidney problems and they want baptism together.

♦ **Evangelism:** 6,000 more Gospel booklets have been distributed these first 2 months. This winter has brought more snow than previous winters, which has hindered the church's outreach somewhat, but nevertheless there always seems to be 12-14 folks each Saturday braving the driving snow, going forth bearing that precious seed of the glorious Gospel of our Saviour. Sasha has been busily witnessing each day while driving his taxi.

♦ **Family:** We celebrated our 17th Wedding Anniversary and snuck away to a tiny ukrainian cafe for some icecream & cappuccinos! How sweet is a Christ-centered marriage. In March John-Steven turns 14 & then Kendon will be 12. Growin' up so fast, but praise Jesus for children so committed to reaching souls & their great help here.

♦ **MOVED!** We were finally able to find another house to rent, but it's outside the metropolitan of Kharkov in a nearby village called Visokii. The church folks helped us tremendously in moving & in getting the house setup to live in (water to the bathroom, electricity to half the house, wiring, etc). We're asking Jesus to provide the means to buy a house here. This is a distinct supplication that we have to the Lord: a short-term loan thru someone willing to help for a small house here.

♦ **PRAYER REQUESTS:** "Ye have not because ye ask not" - Jesus. "Call unto me and I will answer thee ..."

♦ **Building Fund:** With great faith & hopeful expectation we're going forward with the building project. Now that the Presidential Election crisis has ended, we now await for the County to meet in April to approve the privatization papers for the property before we can re-zone and begin laying brick (besides the necessary thawing!). We still need upwards of 20,000 towards the construction costs. A blessed lighthouse this new building will be for our Saviour Jesus. Please sacrifice with us.

♦ **Co-labourers:** The Mapps **received** their Visas & are coming April 13th to begin working in Faith Bible Baptist, giving us much needed assistance. They have a relocation & vehicle fund established for those burdened, see www.mapps2ukraine.com

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Our move to the village is complete now and we are finally settling in. It's a big change but we enjoy the fresh country air. We can actually see stars at night now which we couldn't do while living in the massive city. Ministry has been joyous these last few months. Sasha completed his 50 chronologic Bible lessons; Tanya (we asked your prayers for her in our last letter) received salvation Jan. 30th! We took the Teens bowling. They had only seen it on TV & needed some fellowship time together. Our Teens are being challenged to take part in personal evangelism thru a step-by-step teaching class I am doing during 11AM Sunday School. Pray for them as they are reaching out in this & making decisions as to how much of their lives they are willing to give to our Lord's service. Sasha, a visitor, and Simeon, son of our member Igor, both received salvation on Feb. 13th! Our Kendon was used of God to lead Simeon to the Lord, he is so thrilled about it & so were we. The Mapp family will begin working with us in April. And the Curtis family will be making a survey trip here then too. Pray with us for fruit as we continue to sow His seed, & reap for His glory. *Cathy*

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